

Amendments in the specification:

1) Please replace the paragraph starting on line 25 of page 7 with the following paragraph:

Figs. ~~Fig.~~ 5A&B are plan side views illustrating the coatings applied to the slab slice of Fig. 4.

2) Please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 of page 8 with the following paragraph:

Figs. ~~Fig.~~ 8A&B illustrate alternative embodiments of the method.